A word from...

Associate Dean (Research)

This will be my last message to you in the HUB Newsletter as Associate Dean (Research). Many of you will be aware that I have made the decision not to stand for the position for another term. It has been a privilege to hold the position for four years and it is now time for me to spend more time on developing the research agenda for Aged Care and to give an opportunity to another academic within the School to bring new energy and vision to the position.

I believe that the School of Nursing and Midwifery is poised to enter an exciting time in relation to research and I am looking forward to being a part of it. Part of positioning the School to this point has been the development of the HUB, which has been created to assist the Academic Staff within the School in their research activities. Gina Kasprzyk as HUB Co-ordinator and Wendy Green as Research Assistant are to be commended for the manner in which they do this. There is a third staff position allocated to the HUB. This has previously been an academic position, and its focus to a large extent was on staff development, particularly in the area of grant writing and publications. We have seen some improvements in both these areas and more staff are publishing and researching than has ever been measured before, however this position has now been converted to an administration position at HEO7 level as a Senior Project Development Officer.

This type of administration position is being created more and more in the university sector. One of the main objectives of the role will be to support staff with large grant and tender writing and budget development which is anticipated to substantially increase with the appointment of two new professorial positions within the next few months as well as two new post-doctoral positions. If you consider that a third new professorial position is also planned I think you can understand why I have said the School is poised for an exciting period of research activity.

During my appointment we have seen the ASRI’s develop and once again I would encourage you to consider joining an ASRI that is relevant to your area of research interest. The Research Quality Framework has also eventuated during my appointment. If you have not entered your data into the RQF Faculty data base can I please encourage you to immediately enter it onto the RQF University data base. In closing I would like to acknowledge the support I have received at all levels within the University and in particular within the School. There are too many to name here but I thank you all.

There are many challenges ahead as the School continues to evolve towards developing a strong research expertise and culture but I am confident in saying we can meet these challenges with excitement, confidence and renewed energy.

Jan Paterson, PSM, RN, PhD
Professor of Nursing (Aged Care)
Associate Dean (Research)

Research activities

Congratulations

Congratulations to Paul Arbon who has been elected as Secretary and Chair (Elec) of the Professional Nursing Section of the World Association for Disaster and Emergency Medicine. Paul would welcome contacts with any nurses who might want to extend their involvement in these fields.

Congratulations to Paul Bennett who was appointed to the Kidney Health Australia Medical and Scientific Grants Committee. This Committee coordinates Scholarships of approximately $1 million annually for Chronic Kidney Disease Research.
Pauline Glover was a reviewer of the text Schneider Z, Whitehead D & Elliott D 2007 ‘Nursing & Midwifery research methods and appraisal for evidence based practice’, 3rd (ed.) Mosby Elsevier: Sydney. This role is acknowledged in the book. Pauline was also granted Academic Status with Edith Cowan University in Western Australia as an Adjunct Associate Professor for 3 years. Congratulations Pauline.

Congratulations to Lindy King, Jane Neill and Kerry Taylor who have won a 2007 Vice-Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching. This award recognises the outstanding contribution that this team has made to teaching through the mentoring project program involving undergraduate nursing students. The team is also recognised with a Citation for Outstanding Contribution to Student Learning in the 2007 Carrick Australian Awards for University Teaching. The citation reads: For sustained leadership of a collaborative academic and clinical mentoring program that encourages passion for clinical research, further study and publication among undergraduate nursing students.

Congratulations to Jan Thompson who became a member of the Social and Behavioural Research Ethics Committee. The membership is for three years. Jan will be more than happy to provide advice regarding ethics proposals and approvals for the School’s researchers.

Research events

School’s Research Summit

2007 Fourth Annual School's Research Summit will be held on the 18 of September at the Belair Park Country Club. The theme of this year’s Summit will be – ‘Keep it real: how to effect practice change’.

All School’s researchers are welcome to attend this event.

Colloquium series

In 2007 the School has been running a five part Colloquium series. These are scheduled as below and are held for a half a day each, in the University’s Ballroom.

Colloquium 1: April 3rd
Health Aspects of Disaster
Chairperson: Professor Paul Arbon

Colloquium 2: June 5th
Midwives Make a Difference
Chairperson: Associate Professor Pauline Glover

Colloquium 3: August 21st
Promoting Women’s Health and Safety
Chairperson: Associate Professor Charmaine Power

Colloquium 4: October 4th
Mental Health Research -
Colloquium postponed until April 2008

Colloquium 5: December 4th
Ageing Aspects
Chairperson: Professor Jan Paterson

Summary of the Promoting Women’s Health and Safety Colloquium

The Women’s Health Colloquium: Promoting Women's Health and Safety was held on Tuesday 21st August. This highly successful event brought together people from the Domestic Violence Industry sector, policy, health practitioners, researchers and educators as well as some students.

It was unfortunate that two of the presenters were unable to attend due to illness - Associate Professor Moira Carmody from University of Western Sydney and Ms Zell Dodd, Director, Aboriginal Health, SAHS. Their contribution was missed on the day. However we filled the time with excellent presentations and discussions. Associate Professor Charmaine Power chaired the event and provided an overview of the current research program on family violence, and addressed future directions for family violence research. Professor Debra Jackson (University of Western Sydney) reported on the ARC funded study: Child to Parent Violence - A Prevalence Study. This is a more recently recognised form of violence that is impacting on women's health. Associate Professor Jane Koziol-McLain (Auckland University of Technology) presented her reflections on 15 years of research into screening for domestic violence. Her current study to test Healthcare Site Based partner Violence Screening and Intervention Efficacy (funded by NZ Health Research council) was outlined. Associate Professor Kelsey Hegarty (Melbourne University) talked about Interventions for intimate partner abuse in antenatal and primary care in Victoria including her current ARC funded project WEAVE: Women's evaluation of Abuse and Violence care in general practice. Following the colloquium a casual dinner was enjoyed by some of us, as well as a successful breakfast meeting the next morning to talk about future research collaborations. Libby Colyer and Gina Kaspryzk did a wonderful job in organising this event - sincere thanks to both.

Research Week

Each year the School sponsors a research week for Higher Degree (HD) students who are studying on and off campus. The week is designed to provide scholarly support and critique for students in an environment conducive to considered feedback, exchange of ideas and experiences, and debate of current issues in research. The program includes work-in-progress presentations by students, workshops on methodology and other aspects of HD research and presentations by invited guests and experts in various areas of research practice.
This year research week took place from June 25th to 28th. The week was opened by Prof Roy Goldie and we welcomed Dr Sheryl de Lacey to the role of Associate Dean (Higher Degrees). The four days provided a fruitful exchange of ideas amongst students and workshops were well attended. Work-in-progress presentations featured Andrew Ormsby whose study concerns spirituality in military nursing; Clare Turner whose study concerns the politics of introducing nurse practitioners; and Kerry Taylor whose study concerns the delivery of health care information in caring for indigenous first language speakers in Central Australia. Julian Grant delivered her final presentation of almost-completed work undertaken over several years concerning intercultural communication in the delivery of Child and Family Health.

The week featured a presentation and workshop by our visiting scholar A/Professor Annette Browne from the School of Nursing at the University of British Columbia, Canada. Annette’s work in indigenous health care in Canada was especially relevant to several students in the program working in the areas of indigenous health care or immigrant health care and her theoretical knowledge of Post Colonial theory was elevating.

Students enjoyed sharing dinner at the Edinburgh Hotel mid-week to relax and get to know each other informally. We look forward to another stimulating week in June 2008.

Dr Sheryl de Lacey
Associate Dean (Higher Degree)

Visiting Scholars in 2007

Associate Professor Annette Browne was our Visiting Scholar for Research Week. Annette Browne (PhD, RN), is an Associate Professor in the School of Nursing at the University of British Columbia. She is also a New Investigator, Canadian Institutes of Health Research, a Career Scholar, Michael Smith Foundation for Health Research, a Mentor, Integrated Mentor Program in Addictions Research Training, and a Co-Investigator, NEXUS: Researching the Social Context of Health Behaviour.

The main purpose of Annette’s visit to the School of Nursing & Midwifery is to participate in the annual Research Week as a Visiting Scholar. During this week she presented two lectures to the students and School and attended the student presentations, providing them with critical feedback as appropriate. She also had meetings with individual students and academic staff as requested. Annette also presented a seminar on Friday 29th June for the Aboriginal Health Research Unit.

Annette’s research program focuses on three main areas: culture and health; aboriginal health, specifically, access to health services and health care inequities; and theoretical contributions to critical inquiry in nursing and health care. Her research is funded by the Canadian Institutes of Health Research and the Michael Smith Foundation of Health Research. Annette is also a Family Nurse Practitioner who has practiced in northern First Nations and Inuit communities throughout Canada. She is currently involved in developing and teaching in the new Family Nurse Practitioner graduate program at UBC. She teaches courses in Advanced Health Assessment, Primary Care, Aboriginal health, and Health Policy. Her involvement on Master’s and PhD thesis committees is in a variety of disciplines including Nursing, Interdisciplinary Studies, Community and Regional Planning, and Nutritional Sciences.

Assistance Professor Vidar Karikstad - Senior Adviser to the Quality and Priorities Department of the Norwegian Directorate for Health and Social Affairs: Division Specialised Health Care, Department for Quality and Priorities, Oslo, Norway.

Professor Karikstad, an Honary Visiting Scholar within the School, visited our School from October 2006 to September 2007. His special areas of focus are (1) National Strategy for Development of Supervisors and System for Priorities and Health Care in Hospitals; (2) National Strategy for Strengthening Health Services for Elderly Patients in Hospitals; (3) Patient safety. Vidar was working with Professor Arbon on a proposal to reduce and improve the quality of care for residents of aged care facilities who require acute care. In addition he was working one day each week with the SA Department of Health in their city offices. You can contact Vidar on e-mail: vik@shdir.no.

Grant/Funding Opportunities

ARC Funding

For the ARC fund research project and awards you can find more information under two main elements - Discovery and Linkage. For more information about the grants and the application procedure please refer to the University’s Office of Research web site - http://www.flinders.edu.au/research/Office/grants/arc.html or visit the ARC web site http://www.arc.gov.au/default.htm

NHMRC Funding

Research Funding

Under this web address http://www.nhmrc.gov.au/funding/index.htm you will find a range of information about the research funding provided by the NHMRC.

The NHMRC provides funding for all areas of research relevant to human health and medical research. Please refer to this web address http://www.nhmrc.gov.au/funding/types/index.htm
to find a comprehensive list of the NHMRC’s funding types and the information about research, infrastructure and people support fundings.

**NHMRC Calendar Funding** – this provides key dates and grant types for research funding.

**NHMRC - Fellowships and Awards**
The NHMRC supports a number of different Fellowship and Award schemes – please refer to the NHMRC web site.

More information, including the scheme guidelines and application forms can be found on http://www.flinders.edu.au/research/Office/grants/index.html

**FMC Foundation Grants, Scholarships and Forms**

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**Faculty Funded Grants**
The Faculty of Health Sciences offers a range of grants to its staff. The links will become active when the grants are open.

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**Successful grants in 2007**

**Chamberlain, D**
Implementing standardised best practice orders for sepsis care
FMC Foundation
Awarded $7,500

**De Lacey, S, Rogers, W & Naffine, N**
Consent in the void: moral, legal and community values in decisions about human biological donations
FMC Foundation
Awarded $ 9,144

**Guerin, B, Guerin, P, Tedmanson, D, Clark, Y**
Indigenous mental health in remote communities
Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders Studies (AIATSIS)
Awarded $30,000

**Guerin, B, Guerin, PB**
Indigenous mental health
Arts and Social Sciences Research Portfolio Fund, Uni SA
Awarded $10,000

**Guerin, B, Guerin, P**
Sustainability of remote communities - South Australia
Desert Knowledge CRC
Awarded $75,000

**King, L**
Medical Emergency Team (MET) Nurses experiences of being called to attend patients in ward settings: strategies and impediments to the effective use of the MET system
Faculty of Health Sciences Competitive Grants
Awarded $7,000
Miller, M, Cobiac, L, Phillips, P, Thompson, C, Waston, D, Mangoni, A, Bennett, P & Cross, G
Dual-energy x-ray absorptiometry (DEXA) machine
FMC Foundation NHMRC Equipment Grant
Awarded $40,000

O’Keef, M, Saunders, L and the team
Using team management systems to identify and build leadership for quality learning in clinical health care teams
Carrick Institute
Awarded $216,916

Power, C
Evaluation of the CNAHS Family & Community Healing Program
Central Northern Adelaide Health Services (CNAHS)
Awarded $41,531

Robertson, A, Reilly, L, Cox, P, Jezewski, R, Owen, D, Blythman, R & Harrington, A
The role of the specialist palliative care community nurse
Southern Adelaide Palliative Care Service
Awarded $ 10,000

Sandison, S, Moseley, A, Paterson, J & Puckridge, P
A pilot study of the development and implementation of a ‘best practice’ patient information booklet for patients with chronic venous insufficiency.
Faculty of Health Sciences Seeding Grant
Awarded $9,478

Tedmanson, D, Gollan, S, Sparrow, S, Guerin, P
Substance misuse community resilience project evaluation package
Kura Yerlo Council Inc
Awarded $10,000

Verbeeck, J, Paterson, J, Ostaszkiewicz, J & van Dissel, V
Proposal for an explorative study of nurses’ perspectives on competency standards for contemporary continence nursing practice
Australian Nurses for Continence
Awarded $2,000

Grant/project infrastructure checklist and procedure for submitting grant applications

The HUB has produced a checklist to assist researchers when they are considering infrastructure needs for grant requests. A copy of the checklist, the procedure of the office space allocation for the research assistants and research managers, as well as the procedure for submitting grant applications are available from the Hub’s Coordinator. Please note that the Certification Form, which is a compulsory part of almost every grant application, was recently updated and is available on the Office of Research website, the Financial Services website or as a hard copy from the Hub.

Publications 2007

Book chapters


Book chapters in press

de Crespigny, C ‘Alcohol, Tobacco and Other drug problems in Australia’ in Lewis’s Medical-Surgical Nursing: Assessment and Management of Clinical Problems. Elsevier Australia, Marrickville NSW.

de Crespigny, C & Farquar, S ‘Alcohol, tobacco and other drug use’ in K Curtis, C Ramsden & J Friendship 2006 Emergency and Trauma Nursing. Elsevier Sydney, NSW.

Funding opportunities

Information about the current grants and tenders are now being sent out to the School regularly by the Hub. Please refer also to the School’s research web site on http://nursing.flinders.edu.au/research/index.php?id=86.

Administrative support of the financial management of the School’s grants

One of the services offered by the Health Research Hub is the financial administration of existing and newly approved research grants or projects. This service includes administrative support of the financial management, advice to grant holders and a monthly statement of the account(s) of the current grant(s). For more information and additional queries in this matter please contact the Hub Coordinator.


Journal articles - refereed


Journal articles – non-refereed


Journal articles in press


Hutton, A ‘An adolescent ward; in name only?’, Journal of Clinical Nursing.

Kelly, J & Luxford Y ‘Vaiitya tirka madlanna warratinna; exploring what sexual health nurses need to know and do in order to meet the sexual health needs of young Aboriginal women in Adelaide’ Collegian.

Mitchell, J ‘The transfer and adoption of an established and effective holistic Aboriginal well women’s health program from Central Australia to a remote South Australian community’, International Journal of the Royal Society for the Promotion of Health.


**Journal articles submitted**


**Conference and poster presentations**

Arbon, P, Zeitz, K, Ranse, J, Wren, H, Driscoll, K & Elliott, R 2007, ‘Multi-Casualty Triage – Putting Triage Theory into Practice at the Scene of Multiple Casualty Vehicular Accidents’, paper presented at 15th World Congress on Disaster and Emergency Medicine, Amsterdam, the Netherlands, 13–16 May.


Arbon, P 2007, ‘Disaster Health Education in Australia’, Invited paper presented at the 15th World Congress on Disaster and Emergency Medicine, Amsterdam, the Netherlands, 13–16 May.

Arbon, P 2007, ‘Chairman’s address. The current state of mass gathering medical research and knowledge’, paper presented at 15th World Congress on Disaster and Emergency Medicine, Amsterdam, the Netherlands, 13–16 May.


Breugelmans, L, Napier, A, Read, K & Bennett, PN 2007, In-Centre Nocturnal Haemodialysis program: The Hampstead Experience, Renal Society of Australasia 35th National


Hutton, A 2007, ‘Good and bad patients, are these labels helpful?’, paper presented at the Body Matters Conference, Dunedin, New Zealand, 28-29 June.

Sociology Bridging Community, Canadian Sociological Association Conference, 29 May - 1 June.


**Other publications**


**SONM Student publications**

This is a message for all of the Academic Staff. If you know about any publications prepared or submitted by nursing students please let us know so we can track them for inclusion in our annual publication data collection for 2007. The initial contact person for this matter is Dr Lindy King, Lindy, with the Hub’s assistance, is the patron of an informal network established to assist students with their potential publications.

**FYI...**

School’s Publishing Initiative (SPI)

The School’s Publishing Initiative has continued this year. The intention of the initiative is to assist the School’s academic staff with their publishing activities. All academic staff members are invited to take two weeks SPI “timeout” per semester to write peer reviewed papers. The SPI procedure applies. Currently, the process and expected outcomes of the initiative are under the review. Reviewed SPI procedure will be published in the next edition of the Hub Newsletter. In meantime, please contact Associate Dean (Research) or the Hub Coordinator for details about the initiative.

**Faculty funds available for staff development**

The Faculty Staff Development Committee approves the funds available to teaching staff members to undertake scholarly and research pursuits if they are making a significant contribution to a conference session or have an abstract or poster accepted. Another scheme provides academic, general and research staff with full academic status with an opportunity to attend conferences or develop their skills at the local, national, and international level for the benefit of the faculty and the university.

**The Outside Studies Scheme (OSP)**

OSP for teaching staff contributes to the travel expenses for intrastate, interstate, and overseas research and/or scholarly study. The opportunity for academic staff exists to: undertake sustained research and scholarly activities; advance the quality and scope of teaching and supervision; and keep abreast of recent developments. This program includes a range of activities around research; the gaining of professional knowledge; the development of links with external organizations; the development of teaching or curriculum materials; or an undertaking of studies for the completion of a higher degree. Applications for this program are normally received twice per year and an accrual system is used for the amount of leave and the maximum funds available. Applications can be accepted at other times if opportunities arise.

**The Overseas Conference Leave (OCL)**

OCL contributes funds to the travel expenses of teaching staff who have been accepted to present a paper or poster at an international conference, or will have contributed significantly to an overseas conference of international standing, such as chairing a session by invitation.

**The All Staff Opportunity Scheme (ALSO)**

ALSO is available to all university staff including general and research staff members with full academic status who are not eligible for OSP or OCL. The scheme is also available to teaching staff. This scheme contributes funds to provide an opportunity for staff to: attend conferences within state, interstate, or overseas; participate in activities that relate to and support the teaching programs; acquire new skills or techniques; or keep abreast of developments in their particular field, without the requirement of having to present an abstract.

Conditions apply to all the funds available. The level of funding for each of these schemes in the Faculty of Health Sciences may differ (more funding) from the funding level which appears on the generic Flinders University website, so you are advised to use the Faculty documents. Before contacting anyone, please visit the appropriate WebPages to determine your eligibility for OSP, OCL, and ALSO these have links to the Faculty Staff Development Website by scrolling down to the Staff Development heading at: http://www.flinders.edu.au/healthsc/staff/index.html
The School of Nursing & Midwifery has three representatives on this Committee: Diana Paice, Anita De Bellis, and Di Chamberlain who may be able to advise any potential applicants. Your supervisor will also be able to advise you on the opportunities to access these funds for your own development. The secretary for the committee is Hubert Orbons who can be contacted if you require further help with your application in the Faculty of Health Sciences Office, 8201 3260 or via email at: hubert.orbons@flinders.edu.au

**School funds to support research activities**

**Research Development Fund**
The Research Development Fund is intended to further support the Academic Staff and those with academic status with their research related activities. It can be used as a top-up for existing funded research projects, seeding the development of new projects as well as support to existing unfunded projects (It is expected that unfunded projects will be phased out from within the School by May 2008). Funds are available in two year cycles. (1st cycle: May 2006 to May 2008). School’s Researchers are strongly encouraged to apply for the funds before the first cycle of funding are closed.

**Small Grants Scheme**
The Faculty of Health Science and School of Nursing & Midwifery are offering an additional grant round this year only, with funds quarantined for Nursing & Midwifery research. The purpose of Nursing & Midwifery Small Grants Scheme is to provide Academic staff and those with academic status the opportunity to compete for funding for projects initiated within the School and increase the capacity of staff members to compete in other grants rounds. Funding can be used as a top-up for existing funded research projects, seeding the development of new projects as well as support to existing unfunded projects however preference will be given to projects which have the capacity to develop into larger projects.

For more details regarding eligibility and the application procedure aforementioned funds please visit School’s web site werehttp://nursing.flinders.edu.au/research/index.php?id=8 6 or contact the Hub Coordinator on extn.15317.

**Research Mentoring Program**
The School of Nursing & Midwifery Research Mentoring Program promotes a culture which encourages and sustains research activities in the School through providing information and advice about research to early career researchers who are new to the University and/or School of Nursing & Midwifery.

**Beginning Researchers Handbook**
The Beginning Researchers Handbook prepared for new researchers in the School, provides information of the support and resources available for new researchers and who to contact. The handbook is available to download as a whole document or in individual sections at: http://nursing.flinders.edu.au/research/index.php?id=112

**Annual summary of the evaluation of the Research Mentoring Program**
The meeting between Associate Dean (Research), New Staff members, their Mentors, Hub Coordinator and Mentoring Committee members was held on the 2nd of July 2007. At this meeting the Research Mentoring Program was reviewed and recommendations in relation to the induction and selection of mentors’ processes were made as follow:

1. **Structure of induction process of the New Staff into the Program.**
   It was indicated that the time frame and the process of delivery of the Program’s information packages were one of the main concerns. Consequently, it was suggested that this process should happen in the first two weeks of an appointment and should be set up in the following steps:
   - Associate Dean (Research), will notify the Hub Coordinator and the Mentoring Committee about a new appointment in the School;
   - the Hub Coordinator (Administrative support) will contact identified staff and introduce the Research Mentoring Program to the New Staff member and familiarise her/him with the School’s research environment, and what may be expected from the School and University in terms of research support and services;
   - the New Staff member will be advised to contact the Program Coordinator (Academic support), for information from the academia perspective (e.g. research teams in the School, candidates for potential mentors); and then
   - ongoing, annual meetings between New Staff members, their Mentors, Hub Coordinator and Mentoring Committee members will be organised to review the Program and induction process.

   All of these steps are already outlined in the package in the form of the flow chart, but to increase transparency of the induction process, it was suggested that a list of steps will be prepared and added to the package. Additionally, the information about the Program will be included in the School’s current orientation package.

2. **Selection of mentors’ process.**
   Members discussed the issue and the following points were highlighted:
   - difficulties to choose a Mentor in the initial period of the appointment – suggestions were made to have more time to select a Mentor,
   - importance of a proper relationship with the Mentor and Supervisor back up,
   - list of names of the potential mentors in the School could be an advantage for a New Staff member,
   - New Academics could choose to discuss the selection of an appropriate Mentor with their Supervisors as well as members of the Mentoring Committee.
Discussion arose around the possibility of novice researchers being invited to become a member of an existing project to gain research experience. It was felt that this idea had merit and further discussion was warranted.

**Research data retention and storage School’s procedure**

School of Nursing & Midwifery has an established procedure of research data retention and storage. This procedure complies with the Joint NHMRC/AVCC Statement and Guidelines on Research Practice, which were reviewed in 2003, and specifies responsibility on these matters. The School’s Health Research Hub is responsible for appropriate arrangements of original data storage and retention including facilities and confidentiality provision. If your data and records of your finished research project are ready to be stored please contact the Hub Coordinator for further assistance.

**Research Notice Board**

The School’s Research Notice Board is located at the first floor of the North Wing (opposite the School’s Office). On this board you will find current research related information at the local, national and international level, profiles of the School’s successful researchers and profiles of the Hub’s team members. Please visit our board and provide us with information you consider as important and interesting to share with the School’s community.

**Critical Reviewer Group members wait for you!**

Those researchers in the School who are considering writing a new publication or starting work on a research project are encouraged to approach members of the Critical Reviewer Group. Members of this Group are happy to assist you with your publications, grant proposals or reports.

For your convenience, please find the names of people who volunteered themselves as the reviewers so far:

- Ms Pat Barkway
- Mr Paul Bennett
- Dr Martin Caon
- Dr Anita De Bellis
- Dr Paul Drew
- Dr Pauline Glover

- Dr Alison Hutton
- Dr Lindy King
- Dr Steve Parker
- Dr Jan Paterson
- Ms Linda Saunders
- Ms Heather Sutton

New members are welcome to join the group.

**Potential Research Assistants**

The Hub’s Research Assistants database was recently updated. We have 11 graduated nurses, at different levels, who are interested in part time research assistant roles. The list of names and skills offered by these candidates will be soon finalised and sent out to the School.

Please contact the Hub Coordinator for more details if you need assistance in this matter.

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**...and for your convenience**

**Faculty’s statistical consulting services**

Dr Richard Woodman joins the Department of General Practice as the University’s new consultant biostatistician. Most recently Richard worked as a biostatistical consultant in both the School of Public Health at Curtin University (Perth) and in the Department of Psychiatry at UWA. Richard is available for Faculty staff, FMC staff and Post Graduate Students to provide a range of statistical consulting services, and contribute to collaborative research.

Dr Richard Woodman contact details are:

Phone: 8204 5490 Fax: 8276 3305
Email: richard.woodman@flinders.edu.au
Location: Department of General Practice, Level 7, Room 7E103.1, Flinders Medical Centre

**National Statement on Ethical Conduct in Human Research**

Recently, Professor Paul Arbon provided Hub with a copy of the latest, reviewed edition of the National Statement on Ethical Conduct in Human Research. The Conduct is very useful for any researcher conducting research with human participants, for any member of an ethical review body reviewing that research, for those involved in research governance and for the potential research participants. The copy of the Conduct is available from the Hub.

**Adobe Acrobat 8 Professional software**

Lately, the Hub purchased Adobe Acrobat 8 Professional software, which main features allow it to: create PDF document from Office, email, website; combine multiple files from various sources into a single, professional-looking PDF file; export PDF files to another file format; and create PDF form, distribute it, and collect the data. If you would need to convert or process your research document using this software please contact the Hub Coordinator for the assistance.

**IT equipment available from the Hub**

The Hub can also offer you usage of CD Burner and a colour printer for processing your research related materials. Please contact the Hub Coordinator for more details in this matter.

Newsletter prepared by Gina Kasprzyk – x15317